Claims

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A computer implemented method for identifying hypertext links
2   in document printouts comprising the steps of:
3   scanning a document to be printed and identifying local hypertext links
4   within the document,
5   computing and storing a page location of each identified local
6   hypertext link within the document,
7   sequentially checking printable objects to identify each printable object
8   within a hypertext anchor tag; and
9   rendering each identified printable object within said hypertext anchor
10   tag with a predefined indication of the hypertext link.

1   2.   The computer implemented method for identifying hypertext
2   links in document printouts as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of
3   rendering each identified printable within said hypertext anchor tag with said
4   predefined indication of the hypertext link includes the steps of checking
5   whether said identified printable object within said hypertext anchor tag is a
6   local hypertext link.

1   3.   The computer implemented method for identifying hypertext
2   links in document printouts as recited in claim 2 responsive to identifying said
3   local hypertext link, printing said identified page number for local hypertext
4   link said with said printable object.

1   4.   The computer implemented method for identifying hypertext
2   links in document printouts as recited in claim 3 wherein the step of printing
3   said identified page number for local hypertext link with said printable object
4   includes the step of printing said identified page number in superscript form.

1   5.   The computer implemented method for identifying hypertext
2   links in document printouts as recited in claim 3 wherein the step of printing
3   said identified page number for local hypertext link with said printable object
4   includes the step of printing said identified page number in bold form.

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6.	The computer implemented method for identifying hypertext links in document printouts as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of rendering each identified printable within said hypertext anchor tag with said predefined indication of the hypertext link includes the steps of checking whether said identified printable object within said hypertext anchor tag is an external hypertext link.

7.	The computer implemented method for identifying hypertext links in document printouts as recited in claim 6 responsive to identifying said external hypertext link, printing a uniform resource locator (URL) for said external hypertext link said with said printable object.

8.	The computer implemented method for identifying hypertext links in document printouts as recited in claim 7 wherein the step of printing said uniform resource locator (URL) for said external hypertext link said with said printable object includes the step of printing said uniform resource locator (URL) in superscript form.

9.	The computer implemented method for identifying hypertext links in document printouts as recited in claim 7 wherein the step of printing said uniform resource locator (URL) for said external hypertext link said with said printable object includes the step of printing said uniform resource locator (URL) in footnote form.

10.	Apparatus for identifying hypertext links in document printouts comprising:
	a stored document data, said document data including each local hypertext link name and a page number for each said local hypertext link name; and
	a printing program utilizing said stored document data for printing a document including a predefined indication of each hypertext link within the document to be printed.

11.	Apparatus for identifying hypertext links in document printouts as recited in claim 10 wherein said predefined indication of each hypertext link within the document to be printed includes a corresponding uniform resource locator (URL) printed for each external hypertext link.

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1   12.   Apparatus for identifying hypertext links in document printouts

2   as recited in claim 10 wherein said predefined indication of each hypertext

3   link within the document to be printed includes a corresponding page number

4   printed for each local hypertext link.

1   13.   A computer program product for implementing document

2   printing including identification of hypertext links comprising:

3   a recording medium;

4   means, recorded on the recording medium, for sequentially checking

5   printable objects to identify each printable object within a hypertext anchor

6   tag; and

7   means, recorded on the recording medium, for rendering each

8   identified printable within said hypertext anchor tag with a predefined

9   indication of the hypertext link.

1   14.   A computer program product for implementing document

2   printing including identification of hypertext links as recited in claim 13

3   includes means, recorded on the recording medium, for scanning a

4   document to be printed and for identifying local hypertext links within the

5   document, and means, recorded on the recording medium, for computing

6   and storing a page location of each identified local hypertext link within the

7   document.

1   15.   A computer program product for implementing document

2   printing including identification of hypertext links as recited in claim 13

3   wherein said means, recorded on the recording medium, for rendering each

4   identified printable object within said hypertext anchor tag with a predefined

5   indication of the hypertext link includes means, recorded on the recording

6   medium, for printing a corresponding uniform resource locator (URL) for

7   each external hypertext link.

1   16.   A computer program product for implementing document

2   printing including identification of hypertext links as recited in claim 14

3   wherein said means, recorded on the recording medium, for rendering each

4   identified printable object within said hypertext anchor tag with a predefined

5   indication of the hypertext link includes means, recorded on the recording

6   medium, for printing said page number for each local hypertext link.